1	2	3	4	5	6
3.	RUB between Budvel-Umdanagar at LC No. 9/T Km. 21/13-14.	4.85	12.42	1.42	One Box of 12m out of 72m length has been cast.
4.	RUB at Mehboobabad between Kazipet and Vijayawada at LC No.81	5.82	12.33	0.00	General Arrangement Drawing prepared and sent to State Govt. for acceptance.
5.	RUB between Sanatnagar – Maula Ali Bye-pass line on LC No. BP-8 and BP-11.	3.50	13.35	0.01	Sanctioned as ROB but GAD approved for RUB sent to State Govt. for acceptance.

(d) No other firm proposal of the RUB sponsored by State Govt. duly fulfilling all the preliminary prerequisites is pending for sanction on cost sharing basis with the Railways.

(e) Traffic passing through the under bridges is regulated in consultation with the State Authorities to ensure safety. In addition height gauges etc. are provided at the road approaches.

Pending railway projects in Karnataka

247. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the rail projects in Karnataka running behind schedule; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to improve the situation alongwith the detail in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Railways have a huge throwforward of ongoing projects under New Lines, Gauge Conversions, Doublings, Railway Electrifications and Metropolitan Transport Projects. Due to limited availability of resources, the projects take long time for completion. The targets for projects are generally fixed on yearly basis based on the availability of resources and progress and many of the projects get completed in phases. Some of the projects in Karnataka State where targets had been fixed and projects would have completed in full/part but have been delayed alongwith steps taken to expedite these works are given as under:-

S.No.	Project	Steps taken to expedite work
1	2	3
	NEW LINE	
1.	Kottur-Harihar (65 Km.)	Contracts had been re-invited where works were abandoned due to steep hike in steel

1	2	3
.....		prices and fresh contracts have been fixed. This project is likely to be completed by 31.3.2010.
	GAUGE CONVERSION	
1.	Shimoga-Talguppa (97 Km.)	Delay caused due to heavy rains in 2008-09 and problems in getting stone quarry products. Work is targeted for completion during 2009-10.
	DOUBLING	
1.	Dharwad-Kambarganvi (26 Km.)	Land acquisition problems were experienced in this project. After lot of efforts, land at Dharwad has been acquired. Land at Kambarganvi and Mugad has still not been handed over. Dharwad-Mugad section is targeted for completion by 31.3.2010.
2.	Arasikere-Birur (44 Km)	Regular meetings are held with state authorities to sort out land acquisition problems. Section 4(1) for land acquisition has been issued recently. Work is likely to be completed by 31.3.2010 from Arasikere to Devanur.
3.	Ramanagaram-Mysore doubling (92 Km) with electrification of Kengeri-Mysore section	Regular meetings are held with Regional Commissioner and Secretary, Government of Karnataka to sort out land acquisition problems between Settihalli, Mandya and Mysore.

Gauge conversion

248. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a decision to convert all small gauge railway lines into broad gauge;

(b) whether it has prepared a plan with time-frame; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Direct train between Delhi and Kanpur

249. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no direct train between Delhi and Kanpur *via* Mathura/Hathras and Kasganj; and